

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

The first event in June will be the 6th Annual Air-Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, June 18. For those who are interested in rallying together, we will be meeting at Burger King, 5135 Broadmoor Ave. SE, at 8:00 AM for breakfast. We will leave at 8:30 AM and take a little tour to Gilmore Car Museum. Note that there will be an admission fee of \$12 per person; children 11 and under are free.

The next membership meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:00 PM (note the earlier start time). It will be at Culver's, 520 A Way (near the corner of U.S. 31 and Jackson) in Grand Haven. There will be a cruise night that night so we will be meeting earlier to get a spot.

The WMCC Board Meeting on June 28 will have a different venue this month. We will be meeting at Shots on the River, 5760 West River Drive in Plainfield Township. Start time is 6:30 PM.

Make sure you mark your calendars for our annual

Spring Dust Off Recap

On May 21 we held our annual Spring Dust Off with eight Corvairs and one water pumper ready for a drive. We took a scenic (and sometimes smelly) drive to Lansing where we toured the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum. Dave Ziebarth laid out a route that went awry once we got into Lansing due to road construction. We lost a few people before we got to the museum but they eventually found their way there.

The museum was contained a history of car manufacturing in Lansing, mainly of the Oldsmobile. There were also a few displays from the former Olds mansion.

WMCC Calendar

June 18 – 6th Annual Air-Cooled Gathering
June 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting
June 28 – WMCC Board Meeting
July 23 – Summer BBQ
July 26 – WMCC Board Meeting
August 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting

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Summer BBQ. It will be held on Saturday, July 23 at Bob Muir's cottage on Lake Michigan. Look for more details in the July newsletter.

We didn't get any responses for interest in a Whitecaps game for June. We may still plan a game for June. If it does happen, we'll send out an e-mail with the details.



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From the President

I trust you had a chance to review our 2016 Club Calendar. We're all looking forward to nice weather and Vair outings. Not sure about yours, but all my cars are ready and anxious.

Speaking of our 2016 Calendar, I highlighted two "optional" events that your Board is considering pursuing - given interest. These are small and simple. The events could also become more interesting for the Club IF the outing had a point-person. For instance, Race Night or Vairs for Vets. Both could use a little help and neither would require a tremendous effort. If you're interested in learning more please contact Dave Z., myself or any Board. I'm also willing to help in the effort to encapsulate the "vision".

Last month I asked a question about which makes and models of the heavy-laden chrome era did you like the best. Good leading question - right? Funny, out of a bunch Car-Club people, you would have thought I'd willingly receive several suggestions. Gladly, one did. Which, restored my faith that we have at least one reader. Picks were; '55-58 Pontiacs followed by '59-60 Chevy's. Anyway, I'm sure we still have plenty of other selections out there - so if you reading this let's hear from you Ralph was a divine child sent from above. I truly like chrome and often dream about owning a piece of heavy metal simply for polishing and cruising.

I subscribe (free) to Cars On Line [carsonline.com]. It's a great site for selling, buying or simply looking. Widely used and a good measure for current values of nicer cars. Recently I saw an Evening Orchid Impala AND of all things an Evening Orchid Custom Hot Rod. The paint jobs looked amazing with the perfection of a camera of course. In my opinion, EO is really is a beautiful color and I'm appreciating it much more - but

why only one year? I have not seen any production numbers of the makes by color. I suspect if we did, we'd most likely see that sales for Evening Orchid models "combined" with Pontiac (Iris Mist) were not all that great. Chrysler also offered a similar color but for longer.

As usual there was nothing interesting on TV until I spotted a Barrett-Jackson Auction, and tuned in. Unlike most all other "reality" car-related TV shows, this was real, with a wide assortment of nice cars. I find it entertaining however, since the people bidding seemed unreal since the sale prices on some of the rare beasts were hard to believe. Nice "kit cars" are trending up big time since no one can afford the real ones. Good time for John K. to get that GT done. There were also several clean, well restored, "orphan" or less exotic types that were actually quite reasonable. I did manage to make it in-person to a BJ Auction in Phoenix several years back - amazing sights to see. If you ever get a chance, you have to do it - even if your gold-leaf invitation was lost in the mail.

Your highly skilled and humble Secretary/Editor, Dave Z., has created several changes to our Club website. Please check them out and give Dave a "thank-you" for all the good work. The Spring Dust-Off was great! Excellent weather, good venues and a beautiful cruise. DON'T forget the All Air-Cooled Show at Gilmore this month (Sat. 6/18) AND our General Meeting to be held at CULVER'S in Grand Haven (Tues. 6/21). Put the dates on your calendar now.

Respectfully, Dave D.

May Meeting Recap

Our May meeting was held at Fricano's on Alpine. The third Tuesday of May is usually the first night of their Tuesday night cruise nights but we were a week early this year. Dan Konkle reported that about eight Corvairs showed up and a few other Chevys. The meeting was pretty low key.

May Board Meeting Recap

The May board meeting took place on May 31 at Woody's with Ryan Counterman, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Bob Muir, Jamie Reinhart and Dave Ziebarth in attendance. Steve Ridderman attended as a guest.

Air Cooled Show

- Saturday, June 18
- Meet at Burger King at 8 AM and leave at 8:30 AM for Gilmore
- Dave Dykwell asked if he should make egg salad sandwiches like last year; we decided no

June Membership Meeting

- Tuesday, June 21
- Meeting at Culver's in Grand Haven
- They have a cruise night
- Changing start time to 6:00 to make sure we get some spots
- There was some debate if we wanted to meet in Grand Rapids and rally to Grand Haven but it was decided to just meet at Culver's in Grand Haven

Whitecaps Game

- Received no feedback from membership about interest in a Whitecaps game
- Dave Ziebarth to still look into possible dates and getting tickets for a group

Dust Off Recap

- Everyone had a great time
- We agreed that we don't need to schedule another trip to the Olds Museum
- Had a good dinner and some who stuck around after had a great time

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After our tour of the museum, we went over to Clara's for an early dinner. Clara's is in a former train depot and they also have a repurposed train car as one of their dining areas.

After dinner some people made the trip home and a few others stuck around Lansing for a little while.

We were blessed with a beautiful day and great fellowship with our Corvair friends!

Racetrack Event

- Dave Dykwell wondered if we wanted to do an event at a racetrack
 - Attend a race and possibly take our cars on the track
- Could do it at Berlin or Kalamazoo race tracks
- There was some interest from the board
- Dave Dykwell will look into more details

Summer BBO

- Ryan has volunteered to assist Bob Muir in planning
- Bob has one grill
- Ryan said he can get a second grill
- Ryan will also procure the chicken to grill
- Ryan will do the grilling and Dave Dykwell will assist
- Club will provide soda, plates, and flatware
- Asking everyone to bring a dish to pass and any other beverages they desire
- How many chickens do we need?
 - Determined that we will get 30 chicken halves

Overnight Trip

- Auburn/Cord Museum vs. Henry Ford Museum
- We were leaning toward Auburn but there was some desire from the board members to look into the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village
 - Ford Museum on day 1
 - Greenfield Village on day 2
- Dave Dykwell will look into the Ford Museum and a route to take there



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